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that commitment because that is one of the pieces to addressing the waiting list. If those services aren't...if the pay isn't high enough to have service providers, the services aren't going to be available, you're never going to address the waiting list. By virtue of the additional money that we built into the regular biennium budget over the years, we have addressed the waiting list. It's just that it continues to grow. And that, as expressed by the testimony in front of the Appropriations Committee, we may always have a waiting list because there will always be, we will have people who stay on...stay receiving services who need additional services because their needs increase. And then there are always new people coming on. That is not to say that this is not a very significant issue, that we have not tried to address significantly. As I said, the year...the first year that I was a member of this Legislature, and that I was on the Appropriations Committee, we increased General Fund expenditures that had been relatively constant until that point, we increased them by almost \$3 million in that one year; and significantly increased federal funding and so that there was an increase of \$16 million; and most of that went to address the waiting list which, at least at one point in time, we eliminated. But as I said, it is a continual process.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: If we...if I decide to vote for this proposal today, it is not going to erase anything about what we have to continue to do. And if we...if we do this as a way to salve our conscience, as some...someone said, and express our compassion, we are not doing our job as leaders of this state to really systematically address this. We need to...we need to be concerned about our rate of growth. We need to be concerned about our process and whether we...whether the Governor recommends it and the agency recommends it, and whether it is done within the time frame that it is supposed to be. Those are all things that, no matter what we may feel...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...in our heart, we still have to consider. Thank you.